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## UPDATE: PROJECT CEASEFIRE

### **KC FELON SENTENCED FOR ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF FIREARM**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for being a felon in possession of a firearm.

**Kyle R. Stinson**, 25, of Kansas City, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Gary A. Fenner this morning to two years in federal prison without parole.

On April 20, 2004, **Stinson** pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm. By pleading guilty, he admitted that he was in possession of a E.I.G. .22 caliber revolver and a Maverick 12 gauge pump-action shotgun on Oct. 31, 2003. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of a firearm or ammunition. **Stinson** has a 2000 criminal felony conviction for property damage.

**Stinson** was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Dec. 16, 2003, in Kansas City.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David A. Barnes. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department, the Metro Meth Task Force and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

### **Project Ceasefire**

Project Ceasefire, launched in October 1999, is a cooperative initiative by federal and local law enforcement and the Kansas City Crime Commission that targets for federal prosecution persons who unlawfully use or possess firearms.

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